

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We have redesigned the Quarterly Newsletter to make it more colorful and informative focusing on civic, community and business issues throughout North Andover. It will include information regarding new activities in and around town. We'll feature Merchants of the Month and upcoming events. Let us know what you think by logging onto the our website at:

**TownOfNorthAndover.com**

and let us know what you think under the **Contact Us** icon.

## QUICK TIP

Town Hall, Division of Public Works, and Community Development hours have changed. Our new business hours are:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:00AM to 4:30PM**

**Tuesday 8:00AM to 6:00PM**

**Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM.**

## STAY CONNECTED

Stay Connected to all the local Economic & Community Development news as well as upcoming meetings, job opportunities, bid proposals, events and happenings town-wide at our redesigned web:

[www.TownOfNorthAndover.com](http://www.TownOfNorthAndover.com), like us on Facebook (North Andover Ma) and follow us on Twitter.—  
[@north\\_andover](https://twitter.com/north_andover).

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# North Andover

## Community and Business

# NEWSLETTER



## VENDOR OF THE MONTH

For our first Community and Business newsletter we would like to feature NAMA, the North Andover Merchants Association. NAMA represents nearly 100 local companies. Take a look at what they've been doing and check out their web page and see the full list of local shops and businesses!



Stay local. Shop locally.

**Stay Local! Shop Locally!**  
You can help yourself and your community by keeping your dollars in...  
**NORTH ANDOVER**

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## North Andover Merchants Association

### Stay Local! Shop Locally!

[www.NorthAndoverMerchants.org](http://www.NorthAndoverMerchants.org)

The North Andover Merchants Association is a new organization made up of North Andover businesses. They are committed to improving North Andover through the promotion, enhancement, and growth of local businesses.

**Help Yourself:** Why drive out of town when you can find many of the same products at the same prices that you were previously seeking elsewhere, often within walking or biking distance. You'll save time help the environment!

**Help Your Neighbors:** By shopping locally you help support existing local jobs while encouraging the growth of additional ones.

**Help Your Town:** North Andover businesses make financial contributions to charities and organizations throughout North Andover. They also pay taxes which in turn support our schools, our roads, and our town services.

Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of our distinctive character. The unique character of North Andover is what brought us here and will keep us here.

Locally owned businesses, retail stores and restaurants help to make our town unique. Support them! Stay Local. Shop Locally.

By supporting local business you help to sustain our community. Stay Local. Shop Locally.

Shopping Locally reduces energy consumption and cost. It is good for the environment. Stay Local. Shop Locally.

Local business owners are your friends and neighbors. They make buying decisions based on local tastes and interests. Stay Local. Shop Locally.



Presentation of check to the Festival Committee for funds raised during NAMA's calendar fundraiser! \$1,115.00. Thanks to all who participated. Town Manager, Andrew Maylor. Selectman, Tracey Watson. President NAMA, Sylvie Foulds. Festival committee, Joan Heafey & Jeff Coco. Selectman, Rosemary Smedile. BRow: Selectman & NAMA secretary, Dick Vaillancourt. Selectman Chair Bill Gordon & Selectman Don Stewart.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

As we begin the new school year, district leadership has experienced some changes. Dr. Kevin Hutchinson, previously the Assistant Superintendent, is the new Superintendent, and Mr. Gregg Gilligan, previously Thomson Elementary School Principal, is the new Assistant Superintendent. In addition, Ms. Leigh Anne Carbone has been appointed Interim Special Education Director, Ms. Lorene Marx has been appointed the Thomson School Principal and Mr. Matt Abel has been appointed the North Andover Middle School Assistant Principal. These experienced educators, together with the other members of the team of school administrators, are leading the North Andover Public Schools with an acute focus on student learning.

Over the summer the green repair program projects, approved at the June 2011 Town Meeting, were implemented and have been wrapping up as the school year begins. The Sargent Elementary School roof has been re-shingled, most of the Middle School roof and underlying insulation system have also been replaced, and the Atkinson Elementary School is looking like a completely new school from the exterior with the window/wall system being completely replaced. These energy saving and necessary replacement projects are funded 47% by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Maintaining school learning environments are critical to student learning.

In the area of student learning, all North Andover schools are focusing on advancing student achievement by addressing four key questions:

What is it we want our students to know?  
How will we know if they are learning?  
How will we respond when individual students do not learn?  
How will we enrich and extend the learning for students who are proficient?

This year, you will increasingly find schools defining initiatives that contribute to answering these questions. Research clearly shows that student achievement depends on how well schools and districts actually succeed in addressing these questions in a systemic fashion. To that end, the North Andover Public Schools have organized these questions within the context of a standards-based system. For example, we have identified what the essential standards are which attends to the first question. And common assessments address the second question. As you hear more from the schools, we hope you begin to understand the impact of these questions in a standards-based system and ask your own questions so that we develop a deeper understanding within the community that will contribute to increasing student learning.

As a school department, we appreciate our collaboration with the municipal departments and seek to model the values within the Building Respectful Community initiative that will contribute to the academic and social-emotional betterment not only of the schools but the entire community as well. We invite you to follow highlights of student learning and activities on our website: [www.northandoverpublicschools.com](http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com)

## MOMENTUM AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Fall signals the start of a new academic year at Merrimack College and the beginning of new campus initiatives that are focused on enhancing the College's academic offerings, facilities, as well as benefitting the Merrimack Valley. Merrimack College is in the midst of advancing the *Agenda for Distinction*, the College's strategic plan enacted in 2011, which is to be a highly ranked, internationally respected, selective master's comprehensive Catholic college, which is residential, student-centered professionally focused, and rigorous in the liberal arts, sciences and business. Two current construction projects scheduled to be complete in 2013 are helping to achieve the College's new vision. On Wednesday September 12, 2012, the College broke ground on an 83,000 square foot expansion of the **Volpe Athletic Center** that will allow the College to relocate and enhance the facilities that support the Athletic and Sports Medicine programs, while also relocating the campus bookstore and student health services in order to better serve student needs. New classrooms, locker rooms, office and weight room spaces will accommodate Merrimack College's 400 student-athletes and 22 intercollegiate programs, which include the nation's number-one ranking hockey program and home of the youth hockey organization, the Islanders Hockey Club. Enjoy the day on campus and cheer on the Warriors; for a complete listing of home games, visit: [www.merrimack.edu/athletics](http://www.merrimack.edu/athletics).

Merrimack is also expanding student housing opportunities by constructing a new 350-bed residential project called the **Student Residences Project**. This project will play a significant role in allowing Merrimack to reach its enrollment goal



of 3,000 undergraduate students by 2021 and to provide on campus housing for 80 percent of undergraduate students. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for September 27, 2012. For more information regarding both projects, visit [www.merrimack.edu/momentum](http://www.merrimack.edu/momentum).

The **Rogers Center for Performing Arts** at Merrimack College has a new season of shows for all to enjoy. This season's schedule includes a wide variety of performances including Anne Bradstreet's 400th Birthday Gala Concert (free!), The Producers, Macbeth, New England Tenors, 11th Annual A Cappella Night, Legally Blonde the Musical, A Moment in Time Presents A Tribute to Benny Goodman, Sunset Boulevard, New England Civic Ballet Company presents Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker", and numerous other performances. To view a listing of all shows, visit [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).